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WHAT Community Forum for a Small Area Planning Study

WHEN..... Wednesday, August 5, 2015

TIME 7 p.m.

WHERE Marilla Center, 799 E Brockway Avenue

DESCRIPTION:

The Development Services Department has scheduled a community forum to introduce the Comprehensive Plan's recommended small area planning process, conduct a strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/trends (SWOT) analysis, and develop a vision for "Future Study Area No. 17." This study area is approximately 11.7 acres and is generally described as portions of Hampton Avenue, Darst Street, Milton Street and Jerome Street. This area is currently zoned R-1, Single-Family Residential District and includes vacant, undeveloped land with steep slopes subdivided into smaller, residentially-scaled parcels. Planning considerations for this study area include evaluating denser single-family development opportunities.

The Comprehensive Plan's "Areas for Future Study" are places where the existing zoning does not align with the existing land uses or the existing pattern of development. It may also be an area where the existing zoning is not compatible with, or does not fully support the desired future of the area as indicated in the Comprehensive Plan's Land Management Map. These areas require further land use and development study by the Planning Commission to enable zoning map amendment and/or zoning text amendment recommendations to City Council that will advance the goals, objectives, strategies, and consistency principles of this Comprehensive Plan update.

Residents and property owners within this study area and the Jerome Park Neighborhood are encouraged to attend the Community Forum on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 to learn more about the planning project and participate in the planning process.